

Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, Michigan

Participants

Delegates Present:

Caterina Berry, Melisa Burch, Justin Caine, Donna Case, Robert Dickinson, Jill Fennessy, Mary Finnigan, Michelle Frederick, Kenya Harper-Black, Jennifer Headley-Nordman, Ammette Hobrecht, Charlie Hollerith, Nancy Jaskiw, Deborah Kadish*, Kathleen Kosobud, Kathy Krause, Kanika Littleton, Lois Lofton-Doniver, Chandra Madafferri, Rebecca McIntyre, Jessica Murphy, Teri Pettit, Lily Schulting, Mark Smith, Nancy Spanski, Lori Tavgigian, Kara Tiethof, Amy Trahey

Alternates Present:

Lisa Bacsikin, Amy Barto (for Debra Houde), Michelle Driscoll, Rebecca Gibson, Courtney Halbower, Katherine Mills, Nichole Moore*, Caryn Pack-Ivey, Sarah Vander Baan, Mary Wiese (for Shalika Robie)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Belle Bodell, Laura Chang*, Teri Chapman, Stephen DeGrow, Jennifer Hirst, Melissa Isaac, Janet Kaley, Karen Nicol, Amy Schelling, Jan Weckstein, Cynthia Wright

Members Absent¹:

Anne Barna, Terie Elbers, Pam Kies-Lowe, John Mertz, Sara Park, James Thomas

MDE Staff Present:

Aaron Darling, Ashley Reed, Jan Weckstein, Joanne Winkelman

Guests Present:

Jaiwana Brooks, Dorothea Nicholson, Nancy Theis

¹ Neither the delegate nor the alternate was physically present, nor did they participate by phone.

Facilitator:

Fran Loose

*Participated via phone.

Minutes

Call to Order

The Chairperson, Teri Pettit, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Lois Lofton-Doniver moved, seconded by Donna Case that the SEAC approve the October 4, 2018 agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of June 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Rob Dickinson moved, seconded by Amy Trahey that the SEAC approve the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Roll Call by Aaron Darling

1. A quorum was present.

Chairperson's Report by Teri Pettit

The chairperson reviewed the agenda and today's focus

Michigan's Read by Grade Three Law and Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI)

by Kim St. Martin, MIBLSI Assistant Director

1. The law
2. The implications for students with IEPs
3. MIBLSI role
4. Emerging resources

Chairperson's Report continued by Teri Pettit

1. Report from Executive Committee Meeting
2. See Asks & Updates for
 - a. State Board of Education (SBE) update
 - b. Retreat evaluation summary results

SEAC Member Reports

Reports from SEAC Members regarding their work relative to SEAC's annual priorities and their requests from SEAC relative to the priorities. Details of the following reports are available to members in the Google Docs site.

1. Organizational Representatives
 - a. Jill Fennessy - Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)
 - b. Nancy Jaskiw - Michigan Reading Association (MRA)
2. Member At Large
 - a. Rob Dickinson
3. Ex-Officio
 - a. Janey Kaley, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
 - b. Amy Schelling - Educator Preparation Institutions (EPI)

MDE Office of Public and Governmental Affairs, Legislative Update

by Stephen DeGrow for Caroline Liethen

1. HB 5707 and HB 6401 - Teacher and Administrator Evaluations
2. HB 6291 - Area Career and Technical Education Programs
3. HB 6314 - Public Innovative Districts
4. HB 4421 (S-2) - Substitute Teaching

Public Comment

Dorothea Nicholson and Jaiwana Brooks offered public comment.

MDE Office of Special Education (OSE) Report

by Teri Chapman Director of Office of Special Education

1. Federal Update
 - a. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) new framework
 - b. "Every Kid in a Park" program authorized
2. State Update
 - a. Michigan Department of Education (MDE) 2017-2018 Annual Review is available
 - b. MDE Priorities

- c. 2018 Part B Results-Driven Accountability Matrix
 - d. Seclusion/Restraint Data
 - e. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
3. Office of Special Education (OSE) Update
 - a. New staff
 - b. U.S. Department of Education awarded Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Integrated Support Initiative (MIBLSI) the School Climate Transformation Grant
 - c. OSE Grant Funded Initiatives

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Bylaws - Nancy Jaskiw, Vice Chairperson
 - a. Three, one hour meetings by phone during the year
 - b. Committee members are Michelle Frederick, Nancy Jaskiw, Lois Lofton-Doniver, Rebecca McIntyre, Nichole Moore, and Teri Pettit.
2. Family Engagement - Caryn Pack-Ivey, SEAC alternate & representative to MDE Family Engagement work group
3. Membership Committee-Jill Fennessy, Co-Chair
 - a. The next meeting is a phone call on October 17th with one in person meeting a year and three to four phone calls
 - b. Committee members are Belle Bodell, Jill Fennessy, Kenya Harper-Black, Annette Hobrecht, Kanika Littleton, Teri Pettit, and Nancy Spanski
4. National State Advisory Panel (SAP) Website Committee - Fran Loose, SEAC Facilitator
 - a. Three SEAC documents recommended by the committee were sent to the national SAP committee for posting on its website.
 - b. Committee members are: Justin Caine, Donna Case, Rob Dickinson, Charlie Hollerith, Fran Loose, and Teri Pettit.
 - c. Additional members are welcome to join for the spring 2019 review.
5. SEAC Mission Review Committee - Teri Pettit
 - a. Please join if you are able. The committee will meet by phone in November.
 - b. Committee members are: Jen Headley-Nordman, Kirsten Matthews, and Teri Pettit.

Due Process Update and Hearing Reports Received by Joanne Winkelman

1. Due Process Case No.: 18-00016 review and discussion
2. Shared recent activity

November Forecast

by Teri Chapman, Director of Office of Special Education and Teri Pettit, SEAC Chair

1. Meeting date is November 7, 2018 at the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors
2. Core agenda items:
 - a. One new due process hearing decision - Saginaw
 - b. Learn more about state and local determinations
 - c. Receive member reports

Member Announcements, Questions, Comments and Take-Aways

1. Participants are encouraged to complete on-line meeting evaluation
2. Comments and Take-Aways
 - a. For November 7
 1. Read due process case and complete notetaking organizer prior to November 7th to identify unmet needs
 2. More in-depth analysis of Part B determination results during the meeting
 - b. On January 9, more in depth information about Michigan's Read By Grade Three Law with Kim St. Martin
 1. Request to include getting the media involved to help parents understand Michigan's Read by Grade Three Law
 - c. Perform legislative updates more slowly with more question time
3. Communicate with your constituents about Take-Away issues
4. Member Announcements - none received

Adjourn

Kathy Krause moved and Jessica Murphy seconded to adjourn meeting. The meeting ended at 3:02 p.m.